

REMARKS

I. Status Summary

Claims 1-98 as originally filed in the instant U.S. patent application were subject to a Restriction/Election Requirement. In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants elected the claims of Group II, Claims 14-29 and 49, for prosecution, as well as the sequence of SEQ ID NO. 5 as a sequence upon which the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter the "Patent Office") could initiate a search. Claims 99-112 were added in the prior Amendment A.

Claims 1-13, 30-48, and 50-98 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 14-29 and 49 were previously cancelled and claims 1-13, 30-48 and 50-98 are cancelled herein below.

Claims 99-112 have been allowed.

Reconsideration of the application as amended and based on the arguments set forth herein below is respectfully requested.

II. Claims

Please cancel claims 1-13, 30-48 and 50-98. without prejudice as being drawn to unelected subject matter. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications to the unelected subject matter.

III. Drawings

Replacement drawing sheets for Figures 11A-11D and 12A-12B are attached. The replacement drawing sheets correct the deficiencies cited by the Patent Office in form PTO-948. Namely, Figures 11A-11D and 12A-12B have the figures labeled correctly and according to the brief description of drawings. Furthermore, the replacement drawing sheets are fully in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84, including photograph quality and minimum character height requirements.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawings has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSIONS

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for issuance.

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, Examiner Nguyen is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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